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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced today that key water projects in San Joaquin County will receive federal funding. The funds will move forward essential projects to improve the stability of the San Joaquin Delta and ensure clean and fresh water for families, farms and small businesses. These funding requests were included in legislation recently signed into law by the president.

“These projects are an important part of getting our economy back on track and an investment in addressing our region’s water challenges,” Rep. McNerney said. “We need to work together to find long-term solutions to our area’s water challenges, including strengthening levees, investing in infrastructure, and improving water quality with groundwater recharge projects.”

“These funds are also an injection of much-needed capital in the local economy,” continued Rep. McNerney. “Our area needs the jobs that projects like these can help create and save.”

Descriptions for all of the projects along with the dollar amounts secured appear below.

\$314,000 for the Central Valley Integrated Flood Management Study

This project will help develop a comprehensive and sustainable flood management plan for the Central Valley and reduce flood risk to people, property and infrastructure. Funding will be used by the Army Corps of Engineers in coordination with local partners, including the California Department of Water Resources.

\$394,000 for the Delta Islands and Levees Feasibility Study

This study will help develop a long-term strategy for addressing levee challenges in the San Joaquin Delta. The study will assess existing and future flood risks in the San Joaquin Delta as well as opportunities for ecosystem restoration. It will also address water supply and recreation needs and help develop a roadmap for Army Corps involvement in a wide range of water resource issues. Funding will be used in coordination with local partners, such as the California Department of Water Resources.

\$484,000 for the Farmington Groundwater Recharge Project

Funds will be used for construction of infrastructure for the Farmington Groundwater Recharge Project underway in eastern San Joaquin County. The project is intended to help replenish a groundwater basin that is overdrawn due to water usage exceeding natural recharge and

address the threat of saline water intrusion. Stockton East Water District will use these funds in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers.

\$4,844,000 for the Levee Stability Program, CALFED

The California Bay-Delta Program (CALFED) is a federal-state partnership to improve water resources in the San Joaquin Delta. CALFED's levee stability program provides for long-term protection of vast resources in the San Joaquin Delta by maintaining and improving the integrity of the area's extensive levee system. Funds will be used by the Army Corps of Engineers and its state and local partners to continue levee stability projects in the San Joaquin Delta.

\$897,000 for the Lower San Joaquin River Study

The Lower San Joaquin River Study, a high priority for San Joaquin County, is intended to identify and develop priority flood protection initiatives in urban areas of the county. The study analyzes the best means to improve levees and other flood protection infrastructure and is conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers in coordination with San Joaquin County and the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency.

\$233,000 for Mokelumne River Regional Water Storage

This project will provide for the capture of un-appropriated flows from the Mokelumne River in wet years, improving water supply and reliability for San Joaquin County. Funding will assist project planning and development and will expand the amount of available water resources in San Joaquin County. This project is administered by the Bureau of Reclamation in coordination with local partners.

\$100,000 for the Pinole Shoal Management Study

Maintenance dredging routinely occurs in the San Joaquin Delta, and this study helps identify beneficial uses for dredged materials. This project is administered by the Army Corps of Engineers and benefits local partners including Contra Costa County and the Port of Stockton.

\$3,377,000 for the Port of Stockton Ship Channel

Funds will be used by the Army Corps of Engineers for maintenance dredging of the Port's ship channel on the San Joaquin River, which extends from Suisun Bay to the turning basin at the Port of Stockton. Annual maintenance dredging is essential to the Port's day-to-day operations and necessary for the safe movement of commercial vessels up the channel.

\$484,000 for the Stockton Metropolitan Area Flood Project

Funds will be used by the Army Corps of Engineers for reimbursement of costs incurred by local partners during the Stockton Metropolitan Area Flood Control Project. This project provided for the construction of levee and bridge improvements.